

METL DEVELOPMENT

**WAR
PLANS**

COMMANDER' S ANALYSIS

**MISSION
ESSENTIAL
TASK LIST
(METL)**

**EXTERNAL
DIRECTIVE
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METL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Key Points:

- Not affected by resource availability
- Not prioritized
- Supports METL of next higher headquarters
- Understood by CSM, 1SG, and key NCOs
- Applies to entire unit

METL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS (cont)

- May vary for like units because of different wartime missions or locations
- Briefed to and approved by next higher wartime commander
- Company is lowest level to prepare a METL
- Use a team approach to METL development

METL DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE

The Company Commander:

- **Receives the battalion mission and METL**
- **Restates the company's wartime mission**
- **Determines and selects those tasks critical for wartime mission accomplishment**

METL DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE (cont)

The Company Commander:

- Gets his METL approved by the battalion commander
- Provides his approved METL to his platoon leaders and platoon sergeants

SELECT COLLECTIVE TASKS

- Use mission-to-collective task matrix
- Identify high payoff tasks
- Obtain commander's guidance/approval

TASK APPROVAL MATRIX

SOLDIER TASK TO TRAINSELECTION		REVIEW	APPROVE
1SG	CSM	CO CDR	BN CDR
PSG	1SG	PLT LDR/ CO CDR	BN CDR
SQD LDR	PSG	PLT LDR	CO CDR
TM LDR	SQD LDR	PSG/PLT LDR	CO CDR
SOLDIER	TM LDR	SQD LDR	PLT LDR

BATTLEFIELD OPERATING SYSTEMS (BOS)

- Intelligence
- Maneuver
- Fire Support
- Mobility/Countermobility/Survivability
- Air Defense
- Combat Service Support
- Command and Control (C²)

ADAPT A CONDITION STATEMENT

- Read the existing MTP/SM statement
- Identify support/resource requirements
- Consider local situation
- Prepare revised condition statement